

### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

This case has been carefully reviewed and analyzed in view of the Official Action dated 24 February 2004. Responsive to the objections and rejections made in the Official Action, Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12 and 13 have been amended to correct the language thereof. Additionally, Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter formally defined in Claim 3 and Claim 3 has been cancelled by this Amendment.

In the Official Action, the Examiner objected to the Specification due to an informality therein. Accordingly, the Specification has been amended to correct that informality kindly noted by the Examiner.

In the Official Action, the Examiner objected to Claims 4, 7-9, 12 and 13 due to informalities therein.

Claims 4, 7-9, 12 and 13 have been amended to correct those informalities kindly noted by the Examiner. Claim 2 has also been amended to correct an informality therein and Claim 5 has been amended to change the dependency thereof.

In the Official Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C. § 102, as being clearly anticipated by Terada, et al., U.S. Patent 5,067,209. However, the Examiner kindly indicated that Claims 3-13 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of Claim 3 therein, thereby effectively rewriting Claim 3 in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim, Claim 1, and any intervening Claims, which there were none. Thus, Claim 1 should now be allowable as should all of the Claims dependent thereon.

It is now believed that the subject Patent Application has been placed in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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